

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: p0expubgu5

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900573.051

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 28 July 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 27 July 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file explicitly depicts a girl, who is clearly an older child or young teenager, displaying her genitals to the camera. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. The image presents girls as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to people with a prurient interest in girls. The image encourages and legitimises such an interest. As an image file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The image may also be used for grooming potential victims of child sexual abuse. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable.